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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS EXIMBANK FOR CHAIRMAN MOORE

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EXIM BANK CHAIRMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT FOR YOUR APPROVAL BRIEF WRAP UP
UP CABLE TO WASHINGTON ON YOUR VISIT HERE.

2. MR. JOHN L. MOORE, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK VISITED MOROCCO FEBRUARY 12-16 TO
EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED EXIM ACTIVITY HERE
WITH GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS. MR. MOORE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY MR. CLAYTON NORRIS, VICE PRESIDENT;
MR. THOMAS MORAN, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT; AND
MR. MATTHEWS SCHAFER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN.

3. DURING THE VISIT CHAIRMAN MOORE WAS RECEIVED BY
KING HASSAN II, MINISTER OF FINANCE GHISSASSI, MINISTER
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY RERHRHAYE, AND MINISTER OF
ENERGY AND MINES SAADI. MEETINGS WERE ALSO HELD WITH
OCP DIRECTOR GENERAL KARIM-LAMRANI, BMCE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR GENERAL BENJELLOUN, ROYAL AIR MAROC PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR GENERAL DRISS BEN AMOR AL ALAMI, VICE GOVERNOR
OF THE BANK OF MOROCCO BENNANI, SONASID DIRECTOR
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GENERAL MOULINE, AND ASMENT DE TEMARA PRESIDENT DIRECTOR
GENERAL LARAQUI. DURING A LUNCH GIVEN BY MINISTER OF
FINANCE, EXIM GROUP ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SLIMANI, AND
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLAN BENCHEIKH. OFFICE OF
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BELKHAYAT PARTICIPATED
ACTIVELY DURING GROUP'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE

AND INDUSTRY.

4. IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL CALLS, DINNERS WERE GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE CHAIRMAN BY SONASID DIRECTOR GENERAL MOULINE, ASMENT DE TEMARA PRESIDENT LARAQUI, AND BMCE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR GENERAL BENJELLOUN. MINISTER OF FINANCE, AMBASSADOR AND CASABLANCA CONSUL GENERAL GAVE LUNCHEES IN HONOR OF CHAIRMAN. THESE EVENTS PROVIDED THE EXIM GROUP WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF BUSINESS LEADERS AND BANKERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

5. AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME WAS ACCORDED CHAIRMAN MOORE. IN ADDITION TO THE AUDIENCE WITH KING HASSAN, HE WAS INVITED TO LAY A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF MOHAMED V, A SIGNAL HONOR IN MOROCCO.

6. DURING DISCUSSIONS ALL GOM OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS-MEN ENCOURAGED GREATER EXIM ACTIVITY IN MOROCCO. DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRY, MINING, ENERGY, AGRIBUSINESS, AND AGRICULTURE WERE OUTLINED TO EXIM GROUP, INCLUDING MANY SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO US SUPPLIERS.

7. FRENCH AND ARABIC PRESS AND STATE TELEVISION COVERED VISIT EXTENSIVELY INCLUDING FRONT PAGE ITEMS ON AUDIENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH KING HASSAN AND CALL ON MINISTER OF FINANCE. ANDERSON

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